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SUBJECT: BURDENSARING

REF: USNATO 5598

1. IN RESPONDING TO HUMPHREYS' REQUEST, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON PROPOSAL IN STATE 231268 AFTER IT HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT NOVEMBER 28 NAC. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MINISTERIAL ACTION ACCOMMODATE AS MANY ELEMENTS IN OUR PROPOSAL AS POSSIBLE.

2. IN ADDITION, YOU MAY GIVE HUMPHREYS FOLLOWING DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR BURDENSARING PORTION OF DPC COMMUNIQUE. REMAINDER OF DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

-- (MINISTERS) NOTED THE STATUS OF DISCUSSION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AND THE PERMANENT DPC REGARDING THE SIZE AND COST SHARING OF THE NEW
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(1975-79) INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, AND AGREED THIS

MATTER MUST BE RESOLVED BY FEBRUARY 1974.

- WELCOMED THE US REAFFIRMATION OF ITS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN CURRENT US FORCE LEVELS IN EUROPE PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF MBFR AGREEMENTS, BUT TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT RECENT US LEGISLATION MAY REQUIRE THE REDUCTION OF US FORCE LEVELS

IN EUROPE UNLESS SATISFACTORY AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED ON BURDENSARING.

- ANNOUNCED THEIR DECISION TO UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO OFFSET THE US DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ENTERING THE INTERNATIONAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN NATO EUROPE, INCLUDING COMPENSATION TO THE US FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF MAINTAINING ITS FORCES IN EUROPE RATHER THAN THE US.

- AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT US COST SHARES FOR THE CIVIL AND MILITARY BUDGETS SHOULD BE REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY, AND THAT THE US COST SHARE FOR THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN PIPELINE DEFICIT SHOULD BE ELIMINATED. KISSINGER

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